Constables.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Next I beg to move that "*the minimum pay of the constables be put at Rs. 15.*" Of course, we all know that our Police are not made up of men of status and education like the London Police. We know the small pay that is given now will not attract men with character and status to become Police constables. We really want men with status. Their minimum pay is Rs. 12 now. I wish it ought to be raised to Rs. 15. The Special Finance Committee proposes three grades, Rs. 12, Rs. 14 and Rs. 16. The Diwan Peishkar wants to omit the Rs. 12 grade. He proposes Rs. 14 and 16. I say it must be uniformly Rs. 15.

Mr. C. Barton Wright.—I second that.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—What I say is we must have strong men and men of character. If our present Police administration has become to a certain extent corrupt, it is because we lack in men with character and status. We want better men with better qualification and for that we must give better pay. So I put that the minimum may be Rs. 15.

Mr. C. Barton Wright.—I beg to second that.

Deputy President.—Does anybody oppose ? What is the maximum pay ?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—No maximum. Government can give the maximum.

The question that the minimum pay of Police Constables be Rs. 15 was put and agreed to.

Deputy President.—We will take additional privileges to inferior servants.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—But we have not finished inferior servants. There is my main resolution standing.

Deputy President.—You can bring it at the end.

Peons.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—There is one resolution, 43.

"*This Council recommends to the Government that all peons (including also Excise peons) may be put on one uniform time-scale of Rs. 10—1 biennial—15, instead of the two grades 10 to 12 and 12 to 14 as proposed*".

Mr. A. B. Salem.—We have already passed a resolution that the pay of all servants should be Rs. 12 rising to Rs. 15.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—There are two grades 10 to 12 and 12 to 14. That gradation may be deleted.

Deputy President.—That has disappeared.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Automatically disappeared.

Mr. C. Barton Wright.—Have we disposed of Jail Warders ?

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Deputy President.—Their position is something separate.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—It has not come up yet.

Deputy President.—It is part of Mr. Kannan Nayar's proposition. You may move your proposition, Mr. Kannan Nayar.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Additional privileges may also be considered with that.

Deputy President.—The pay of the others also may be considered.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—I think I can move my main proposition, *i. e.*, No. 2, for the the clerks and everybody else other than these.

"*This Council recommends to the Government that the pay of Government servants now drawing below Rs. 100 per mensem be revised as suggested in the majority report of the Special Finance Committee with the modification pointed out in this behalf in the minute of dissent submitted by the Diwan Peishkar in paras 17 and 18 of his minute, and that such revision of pay may be given retrospective effect from the 1st Chingam 1104.*"

Mr. A. B. Salem.—17 does not refer. It is only 18. Subject to the amendments carried.

Deputy President.—Now, with reference to that, the only modified resolutions that are now passed are with reference to the minimum that is proposed. Subject to the amendments that have been already carried, I shall put the proposition.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—There are other amendments.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—Why don't you move?

Mr. M. A. Chakko.—I shall move my amendment.

Deputy President.—What is it? What is the number?

Mr. M. A. Chakko.—It is not printed. There is a motion. I shall read the amendment.

Deputy President.—You must give a copy of it.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—It may be read and noted

Police and Excise Sub-Inspectors.

Mr. M. A. Chakko.—I shall send it after moving. I shall read my amendment. "*This Council is of opinion that the scale of pay fixed in the Special Finance Committees' report for the subordinates of the Police and Excise Departments is both inappropriate and inadequate, and that the same should be revised as below:—*

Police Sub-Inspectors. Their present grade is a time-scale of Rs. 80—100, 60—80 and 40—60.

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